

In The Claims:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (original) A continuous ribbon configured to be severed to form a plurality of connectors, the ribbon comprising two continuous part plates which are mutually connected by an integral flexible connecting piece at an edge of the of the continuous part plates.

Claims 12-16 (canceled)

17. (newly added) The continuous ribbon according to claim 11, wherein the two continuous part plates each comprise a plurality of integral part plates; the integral part plates being severable to form individual connectors.

18. (newly added) The continuous ribbon cable according to claim 17, wherein the integral part plates are severable to form individual connectors of varying width.

19. (newly added) The continuous ribbon of claim 11, wherein both part plates have contact openings which are opposed to one another when the connector is in an assembled state.

20. (newly added) The continuous ribbon according to claims 11, wherein the part plates are foldable onto each other to form a connector with a receiving space therebetween.

21. (newly added) The continuous ribbon according to claim 20, wherein one part plate has a groove or a web on an external surface thereof which faces away from the receiving space, the groove or web being arranged parallel to an insertion direction of the connector.

22. (newly added) The continuous ribbon according to claim 21, wherein the groove or web is disposed on the external surface such that the connector can only be inserted in the correct position of a mating connector having a greater width than the connector.

23. (newly added) The continuous ribbon according to claim 11, wherein at least one of the part plates has spacers on an internal face thereof which define a gap between the two part plates.

24. (newly added) The continuous ribbon according to claim 11, wherein the continuous ribbon is disposed on a reel.